



Town of Blades
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***Town Council Meeting
BVFC, East Fifth Street, Blades, DE
7:00PM
February 8, 2021***

Present: Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield, Councilwoman Ashley Hudson, Councilman Donald Trice, Councilwoman Bobbi Jo Tice and Town Clerk Karen Raines.

Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield officially opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING: Notice of Intent to Apply for Federal Funds for PFOS & PFOA Water Treatment Plant Upgrade - Rob Duma, Davis, Bowen & Friedel, Inc.

Minutes from the November 09, 2020, Town Council Meeting: Motion to accept in written form by Councilman Donald Trice; Seconded by Councilwoman Bobbi Jo Tice. Motion passed, Councilwoman Ashley Hudson – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilwoman Bobbi Jo Tice – Yes. Carried.

Minutes from the December 29, 2020 Town Council Meeting: Motion to accept in written form by Councilwoman Bobbi Jo Tice; Seconded by Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield. Motion passed, Councilwoman Ashley Hudson – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilwoman Bobbi Jo Tice – Yes. Carried.

Police Report – Submitted by Chief Paul Anthony. Motion to accept all reports as submitted in writing by Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield; seconded by Councilwoman Ashley Hudson; Motion passed, Councilwoman Bobbi Jo Tice – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilwoman Ashley Hudson – Yes. Carried

BEDCO – No report at the time of this meeting.

P&Z – No report submitted. No meeting January 2021.

❖ **Committee Reports:**

- Housing/Code – Report submitted by Code Enforcement Officer, Marcus Trammell.
- Water report - Report submitted by Water Supervisor, Frank O'Day.
- Streets – No Report submitted.
- Parks & Cemeteries – No Report submitted.
- Mayor's Report – No Report submitted.
- Town Administrator Report – Report submitted by Town Administrator Lisa Marks.

❖ **New Business:**



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- Resolution 02.2021.01.13 Proposed Annexation Decision to Move Forward Based on the Findings of the Annexation Committee - Flinn. Motion made to approve Resolution made by Councilwoman Bobbi Jo Tice; Seconded by Councilman Donald Trice. Motion passed. Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield – Yes. Councilwoman Ashley Hudson – No, Councilwoman Bobbi Jo Tice – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes. Carried. Homeowners contiguous to the annexed properties are concerned about new construction being up to code on the annexed properties. Code Enforcement will monitor any construction on the property and will advise owner if permits or Planning & Zoning reviews are needed.
- Resolution 03.2021.02.08 Proposed Annexation Decision to Move Forward Scheduling Public Hearing – Flinn. Motion made to approve Resolution made by Councilwoman Bobbi Jo Tice; Seconded by Councilwoman Ashley Hudson. Motion passed, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilwoman Ashley Hudson – Yes, Councilwoman Bobbi Jo Tice – Yes. Carried.
- Police Chief Contract discussion: Motion made to table discussion for a Workshop on February 25, 2021 made by Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield; Seconded by Councilman Donald Trice. Motion passed, Councilwoman Ashley Hudson – Yes, Councilwoman Bobbi Jo Tice – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes. Carried.

❖ Old Business:

- Third and final Reading to Repeal and Replace Ordinance 219 – Dogs: Motion to accept in writing made by Councilman Donald Trice; Seconded by Councilwoman Bobbi Jo Tice: Motion passed. Councilwoman Ashley Hudson – Yes, Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield – Yes, Councilwoman Bobbi Jo Tice – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes. Carried.

❖ Good of the Community

- Concerns were expressed about the number of feral cats in town limits. There are capture and spay/neuter programs but these programs will return the cats where they were captured after spaying or neutering.
- Upcoming Municipal Election to be held April 5, 2021. Notice of intent to run for office due no later than March 5, 2021.
- Vice-Mayor congratulated employees Marcus Trammell and Karen Raines for ten years of service with the Town of Blades.

Entered into Executive Session: 7:31 pm

Adjourned Executive Session: 8:26 pm

Councilman Donald Trice motioned to adjourn the February 8, 2021, Blades Town Council Meeting, Seconded by Councilwoman Ashley Hudson.

Vice-Mayor Lee Benningfield adjourned the Blades Town Council Meeting at 8:46 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Raines
Town Clerk